

8 April 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Morning Meeting

1. There was a report on the Donovan visit to Cuba. He will be debriefed on 9 April. The Director asked how this would affect the question of low-levels and after some discussion it was agreed to hold up any decision until after the debriefing.

2. I reported on the OXCART flight difficulties and also the important data that was obtained on the flight of 121. The Director expressed some dissatisfaction that it seemed to be taking so long to solve this problem. He was particularly disturbed since he has been asked several times recently when we might have an emergency capability for the OXCART vehicle. I pointed out that until we had flown at the designed altitude and speed, any estimate of the initial operational capability was bound to be no better than an estimate. However, every effort is being made to solve this particular problem; this is not an uncommon problem insofar as aircraft engineering development is concerned, and one has to obtain data which would explain the cause in order to develop the fix. This, indeed, was the purpose of the Friday flight. I also pointed out that we had our own experts in addition to the contractors, working with them full time. He asked that Gen. Carter be briefed and take an active part in this program.

3. I briefed on the deployment of the aircraft for the renewed operations and pointed out the failure to obtain a reply from [redacted] The DCI requested that another urgent cable be sent to [redacted] to try to break the log jam.

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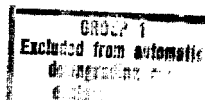
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